**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

###### TRACK AND FIELD

**1. Simcoe County Guideline Category:** Preparatory Meets

**2. Season:** Outdoor - April to the first week in June

**3. Location of Finals and Date:**

(a) The location will be determined annually.

(b) The location MUST COMPLY with the following criteria:

(i) an all-weather track

(ii) adequate facilities to host all events

(iii) compliance with the OPHEA Safety Guidelines

(c) Due to the nature of the sport, it is necessary, upon occasion, to use facilities outside of Simcoe County.

(d) The meet is to be held during the week prior to GBSSA or earlier if facilities are available.

**4. School Classification and Levels:** Open to all schools

Boys and Girls

Novice, Junior, Senior and Open Events

**5. League Structure and Play-offs:** (including tie-breaking procedures)

Numbers of dates in schedule for Outdoor: 1 for each region

There are a maximum of three (3) preparatory meets for the outdoor season.

(a) **League Structure:** BALANCED NORTH REGION/ SOUTH REGION

See **(APPENDIX D)** - General Guidelines; League Structure

(b) **Play-off Format for the Outdoor Season:**

(i) Athletes may compete in up to 3 individual events in the same age class or open age class, plus one age-class relay (provided he/she is not overage for that age class relay) and one open relay.

(ii) Each school is permitted to enter one (1) relay per event.

**6.** **Officials:** Staff officials will be drawn from schools on a pro rata basis and shall not exceed forty (40) for a Regional Meet and sixty (60) for a County Meet.

**7. Start Times:**

See the General Guidelines;

Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

1. **Date for Declaring the Number of Teams and Classifications:**

This is to be done by the entry deadline of the same year.

**9.** **Convenorship Rotation:**

(a) The following groupings will be used to determine GBSSA Qualifying Convenors and Meet Directors, as determined by the restructuring in 2016-2017.

**GBSSA North GBSSA South**

**Group A**

1. Orillia S.S. 1. Barrie North C.I.

2. Jean Vanier C.H.S. 2. St. Peter’s C.S.S.

3. Twin Lakes S.S 3. Innisdale S.S

4. Stayner C. I. 4. Nantyr Shores S.S.

5. Patrick Fogarty C.S.S. 5. E.S.Nouvelle Alliance

**Group B**

1. Elmvale D.H.S 1. Unity Christian H.S.

2. Georgian Bay D.S.S 2. St. Joan of Arc C.H.S.

3. Eastview S.S. 3. Romeo Dallaire

4. E.S. Le Caron 4. Bear Creek S.S

5. St. Theresa’s C.H.S 5. Nottawasaga Pines

**Group C**

1. Huntville H.S. 1. Banting M.H.S.

2. St. Dominics C.S.S. 2. Bradford D.H.S.

3. Parry Sound H.S. 3. St. Thomas Aquinas C.H.S.

4. Bracebridge M.L.S.S 4. Holy Trinity C.H.S.

5. Almaguin H.S. 5. St. Joseph’s C.H.S.

6. Gravenhurst H.S.

(b) Convenorship for the Outdoor Meet will be **rotated annually** in accordance with the above

groupings. The Meet Director is indicated numerically within each group.

(c) As a result of the 2016-2017 GBSSA Qualifier restructuring, the convenor lead schools are

as follows:

**GBSSA North GBSSA South**

2021—Group C Huntsville H.S. Banting M.H.S.

2022—Group A Orillia S.S Barrie North C.I.

2023—Group B Elmvale D.H.S Unity Christian

2024—Group C St. Dominic’s C.S.S. Bradford D.H.S.

(d) Any team (school) that is unable to co-convene will be ineligible to participate in the sport for that given year. See the General Guidelines for the consequences for a designated school failing to convene when it is that school’s turn to do so.

(e) It is the responsibility of the last convenors to book the facility for the following year.

**10. Expenses:**

Convenors may charge a levy to cover administrative expenses (telephone, fax, postage, photocopying, paper, etc.) This levy is to be shared by all schools in the competition and will be collected as part of the activity competition fee. The total administration levy is not to exceed $50.00.

**11. Eligibility:** as per the GBSSA Constitution (By-Law 2, Sections 1 to 13).

(a) Schools must file completed, OFSAA Hub eligibility lists (containing the level of competition, names, ages, and birth dates of competitors, and the required signatures) with the SCAA or CSAC chair and regional/district convenors no later than 24 hours prior to the competition. Any competitor changes require 24-hour notice prior to that competitor’s first competition in each sport.

(b) All competitors must comply with the OFSAA transfer policy and procedures.

(c) All novice competitors must be under 14 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year. Students may compete in this category for only one year in grade 9.

(d) All junior competitors must be under 15 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

(e) All senior competitors must be under 19 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

(f) Para Events & Physical and Intellectual Disabilities Classification at the GBSSA Qualifiers will be consistent with the OFSAA playing regulations.

**12. Field Use:** See the “Wet Fields Policy” in General Guidelines

**13. Rules and Officials:**

The rules of competition will be applied in the following order:

(a) SCAA Track and Field Playing Regulations

(b) OFSAA Track and Field Playing Regulations

(c) IAAF Competition Rules.

**14. Uniforms and Equipment:**

Competitors must wear school track uniform T-shirts with school identification. All members of a relay team must wear identical tops. Equipment specifications are as per the rules.

**15. Awards:**

(a) Ribbons will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in each event.

(b) A total of three Team Championship awards will be given in both the North and South Divisions. Plaques will be awarded to the school(s) for overall Boys; Overall Girls and Overall Combined GBSSA Qualifier Champions.

(c) To determine the overall team Champions the following point system shall be used. All results for all athletes participating in events including relays should be eligible and counted towards team totals.

1st = 10 Points

2nd = 8 Points

3rd = 6 Points

4th = 5 Points

5th = 4 Points

6th = 3 Points

7th = 2 Points

8th = 1 Points

**16. Protest Procedure:**

(a) According to the rulebook, if covered.

(b) According to the Meet Director, if outside of the rulebook.

(c) The Jury of Appeal of the day of the Meet will follow IAAF Procedures. A $50.00 fee is required. The members of the committee will be chosen from three (3) schools that are not involved in the dispute. The Meet Director will choose the committee members for the Jury of Appeal. Appeals must be presented in writing wo the convenor within 30 minutes of the posting of the results.

(d) The $50.00 fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

(e) Protests may be lodged on items not under the jurisdiction of the officials or the GBSSA Board of Reference.

(f) All protests must be made within 24 hours of the incident, by phone to the SCAA Centralized Athletic Coordinator and followed by a written report within three (3) school days to the SCAA Centralized Athletic Coordinator.

(g) The SCAA Jury of Appeal will deal with protests.